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THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST MESSAGE

It Was Read This Morning in Congress—Large Crowd Present.

It Follows Closely the Lines of That of President McKinley—What it Recommends.

PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO M'KINLEY

There were great crowds in both houses to hear the president's message read. President Roosevelt pays a high tribute to the late president McKinley, deals with all the public questions specifically, but not at unusual length. The message follows closely the lines of President McKinley's last message.

He recommends a strong navy, an equitable treatment of the Cubans, and Puerto Ricans, necessary legislation for the Philippines, favors a reciprocity treaty, the isthmian canal, Pacific cable, irrigation, enforcement of the civil service regulations, believes that congress can enact a law which will enable the government to exercise control of trusts along perfectly equitable lines and says that publicity of faith is first corrective of abuses of great corporations, recommends the strengthening of the present gold standard, and recommends that anarchists should be kept out of America, and if found here, be promptly deported.

The message recommends the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law, vigorously calls for army reforms, reiterates the Monroe doctrine. The house cheered the clause on the suppression of anarchy.

MORTGAGE ON NEW TEMPLE

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF BONDS SECURED BY MASON'S NEW HOME.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 3.—The Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masons has mortgaged to the Columbia Finance and Trust company, as trustee, 105 feet on the south side of Chestnut street, between Third and Fourth. The property will be the site of the new Masonic Temple to be built at a cost of \$155,000, which is included in the mortgage. Bonds will be issued to secure the mortgage. They will be in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, and will mature in thirty years. They will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent.

WE GET DANISH WEST INDIANS.

Copenhagen, Dec. 3.—A full agreement has been reached between Denmark and the United States for the sale of the Danish West Indies. The treaty will probably be signed this week at Washington. The price fixed is between four and five million dollars.

\$50,000 FIRE AT EVANSVILLE.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 3.—Fire damaged the plant of the Crescent Printing company to the extent of \$50,000; insurance, \$20,000. For some time the Masonic Temple, which is over the printing plant, was threatened. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

KILLING NEAR HARRODSBURG.

Harrodsburg, Ky., Dec. 3.—At Hillsboro Leslie Shewmaker shot and mortally wounded his cousin, George Shewmaker. They were rivals for the same girl's hand.

THE BANK CLOSED.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The National bank at Ballston, Pa., N. Y., closed today. The teller, Charles E. Fitcher, is short one hundred thousand in his accounts.

BOREING'S BILL.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Representative Boreing will introduce a bill providing for an appropriation of \$150,000 for a Federal building at London, Ky.

THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight, with rain in extreme eastern portion. Colder and fair Wednesday.

"BAD EYE JACK" KNIFED

A Fatal Cutting Affray on South Second Street Today.

Will Hamilton Arrested By Officer Charles Hart For Killing John Johnson.

THE WOUNDS CAUSED DEATH

Jack Johnson, a restaurant keeper of Second and Court streets, was fatally stabbed about 11:30 o'clock this morning by Bill Hamilton, a well known river man, on Second street opposite the market house.

Hamilton and Bud Elrod had been in the Tyzone saloon to take a drink after the former congratulated Elrod on his recent marriage. According to the latter, they were standing in front of the saloon talking when Johnson came up and without warning struck Hamilton in the face, knocking him back with great violence. He was prevented from falling by striking a post.

Hamilton drew a knife and began stabbing his assailant. The latter turned and ran, and was followed by Hamilton, continuing to stab and slash until they got inside of Mr. Ed K. Bond's commission house on the east side of Court street, about midway in the block.

Mr. Bonds was in the rear, and saw them fighting, and ran up. There were several others in the crowd and they were shouting not to let Hamilton cut him, but Hamilton said something about not "letting him work a bluff like that on him," and would not desist until Mr. Bonds seized his arm. In his efforts to free his hand, he cut Mr. Bonds two or three times slightly on the wrist, and then left.

Johnson fell to the floor and a large crowd at once began to collect. Hamilton was arrested by Officer Charles Hart and taken to the city hall, and Dr. J. D. Robertson arrived in a short time to give the wounded man medical attention. When his shirt was opened it was found that he was stabbed three times in the right side, and several times in other places. Part of the entrails protruded from a wound in the abdomen, and it was the opinion that he could not survive. He was taken to the city hospital in the patrol wagon.

Both men are well known in police circles. Johnson is an ex-prize fighter, and is well known as "Bad Eye Jack." He is the man who a few weeks ago struck "Fighting Joe" Smith, of the county, in the head, and injured him so badly that his death two weeks later is attributed by many to the blow.

Johnson is a river fireman and is well known among the habitués of Court and Second streets. Hamilton is not less well-known to the police. He has often been in trouble before. His mother resides on a shantytown at the mouth of Island creek, and one of his brothers, Finn Hamilton, is now in jail awaiting indictment on a charge of robbery. Both men are rather large and have the reputation of being fighters.

When arrested by Officer Hart Hamilton said that Johnson struck him without cause, and he wouldn't allow any one to run over him. The knife he used is an ordinary pocket knife, with a blade about two and a half inches long.

This afternoon half a dozen doctors made an effort at the city hospital to save Johnson's life, but he died at 2:30 o'clock from the wounds. A warrant will be issued against Hamilton this afternoon for murder.

GOT THE PLACE.

LIEBERTH IS VICTORIOUS OVER HIS ENEMIES.

Washington, Dec. 3.—George Lieberth lands the Sixth Kentucky collectorship, despite the efforts of his enemies to prevent. The president today ordered his name sent to the senate.

DEBOE, BOREING AND OTHERS CALLED TO ENDORSE L. HUNTER FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

Deboe, Boreing and others called to endorse L. Hunter for reappointment.

THE COUNCIL'S FIRST MEETING

All the Members Present Last Night—Mayor Yeiser Takes Charge.

The Election of City Officers—A Number of Changes in the Personnel—Other Business Transacted.

NEW OFFICERS.

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Reed; city clerk, Wm. H. Patterson; city attorney, M. W. Werten; city treasurer, C. E. Richardson; keeper of city hospital, Mrs. Sarah Birchett; city assessor, Stewart Dick; city physician, J. E. Coyle; city printer, Jas. C. Utterback; city weigher, Thomas Baird; wharfmaster, S. A. Fowler; sewage inspector, L. P. Rascor; fire chief, Jas. Woods; assistant chief, W. E. Augustus; driver of patrol wagon, John Austin; members of board of health, Dr. J. D. Robertson, Mr. John Bonds.

The new council held its first meeting at the city hall last night, with all the members present. Mayor Lang called the meeting to order, and said that four years before it was his honor to be introduced by his predecessor, whom he now had the pleasure of introducing as his successor, and to whom he turned over the reins of administration with the heartiest of good wishes.

Mayor Yeiser opened by thanking his predecessor and declaring that he fully realized the responsibility reposed in him as mayor, and hoped for the earnest co-operation of the members of the council in the work they have undertaken. He made a few facetious remarks relative to the large crowd present—many of them office seekers—and stated that he feared that he would soon be the most condemned man in the city, referring to the appointments he has soon to make. He took occasion to state, however, that he would do his duty as he saw it.

The mayor's address was as follows: Paducah, Ky., Dec. 3, 1901. To the Common Council of the City of Paducah, Ky.

Gentlemen: It is with a feeling of the deepest responsibility I address you this evening as we assume respectively, the positions of chief executive and legislative body of our fair and beautiful city. Our fellow citizens have demonstrated their confidence by electing us to these positions of honor, and, as city officials, it behooves us to remember that with the honor conferred is combined a sacred trust. We should feel an individual responsibility in advancing the welfare of our city, and in all matters pertaining to its interests, should act with an eye single to the good of the people.

Many of us have served before, and more will be expected of us than if we entered without experience. We

should keep pace with and continue to advance the progress already begun by our predecessors, to a "Greater Paducah," until the "Pride of the Purchase" shall be recognized and respected far and near, as a city of manufactures, of commerce, of progress, and as an educational center. I believe, as a legislative body, you are as capable, and as representative a body, as the people of this city have ever had but with your ability and business sagacity there must be a unity of purpose for the betterment of Paducah and her citizens. Personal feeling and prejudice—if there be any—should be laid aside when we enter upon our official duties.

I will respectfully submit and recommend to you, such measures and suggestions as in my humble judgment, demand your careful attention. You, as my co-workers, are earnestly invited to call my attention to any matter I may overlook, for the good of the people. Any suggestion for the general good shall always receive due consideration. I fully realize no man is infallible, and, doubtless, I will make mistakes, but such will be mistakes in judgment, and not wilful errors.

I would recommend the continuance of street improvements already begun, or the adoption of some equally as good or better system. On account of sewerage, gas connections, repaving of gas mains, etc., there are many bad and unsightly places in the streets. In view of this I recommend to you honorable body, the passing of a very stringent law, requiring a permit from the clerk to dig up streets, giving exact location of repairs or excavations, and a true record of same be kept. The parties obtaining the permit to be required to keep said places in repair for a reasonable length of time, under such penalties as will make the law effective. This law to apply equally to the water company, street car and railroad companies, in laying the mains, tracks, etc., or repairing of the same. Corporations are entitled to the encouragement, consideration, fair treatment, and protection, that is due every public spirited law abiding citizen; and they in turn should be required to comply with their contracts to the same extent, as a private individual or contractor would be required.

I would also recommend the building.

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IN TODAY'S LOCAL COURTS

The Jas. Spriggs Murder Case Now on Trial in Circuit Court.

This Morning Judge L. D. Husbands Impaneled the Petit Jury.

THE POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS

Circuit court convened this morning, the second day of the December term, and at 11 o'clock the following petit jury was installed: Jacob Oehl-schlaeger, H. C. Overbey, Henry Alcock, C. C. Walker, Theodore Kelley, C. C. Brame, Tobias Kettler, W. T. Anderson, W. L. Farthing, Jerome Allen, W. H. Arnold, H. C. Allison, Alex Kirkland, L. W. Robertson, Thomas H. Hunt, Brack Owen, J. V. Powell, R. R. Sutherland, W. T. Cooper, K. C. Rose, J. Wallerstein, C. C. Rose, Joe Starr and R. E. Ashbrook.

The first case to be called was that against James Spriggs, colored, for murder. Several weeks ago Spriggs shot and killed Mamie Rogers, his sweetheart, but he claims that he did it accidentally and pleaded not guilty when arraigned before the jury.

At press time a jury had not been secured for the trial of Spriggs. At 12 o'clock, the adjourning time, only five men had been found competent to hear the case and few more had been secured at press time. It looks like it will be a hard matter to get a jury out of the regular panel.

Alex Kulp and John Degg, doing business under the name of "The Paducah Saddle company," of Court street, filed a suit in the circuit court this morning against E. L. Nelson and R. L. Nelson to recover a balance on a bill of goods alleged to amount to \$50.00.

Frankie Rawlins was divorced from her husband, Richard Rawlins and restored to her maiden name, Frankie Walker, this morning.

Messrs. L. M. Rieke and Ash Robertson were this morning excused as grand jurors and A. B. Coleman and L. B. Morrow substituted.

In the case of James Lang, administrator, against Mollie O. Allen, Gip Husbands, M. C., filed a report of the assets and the liabilities and received the regular allowance for his services.

John Gaynor, who has been in jail for some time awaiting the action of the grand jury on a robbery charge, was this morning recognized in the sum of \$100 to appear at court on the 10th day of the present term.

COUNTY COURT.

Mrs. Martha G. Terrell deeds to Dr. J. Q. Taylor, for \$1700, property on North Eighth street between Jefferson and Madison streets.

The estate of Ed Farnold, who died yesterday on Adams street, was this morning afternoon ordered into the hands of the public administrator.

Rev. J. C. Reid was this afternoon licensed to perform marriage ceremonies in this county.

The estate of E. J. Younker was this afternoon placed into the hands of John A. Younker, Rosa Younker, the named administratrix having declined to act as such.

POLICE COURT.

Forrest Smith, white, was charged with taking \$3 from Lillie Balger, and waived examination, being held to answer.

Parish Jones, for a plain drunk, and Charles Bond, for a breach of the peace, were fined \$1 and costs each.

Nolly Skinner, colored, for stealing coal, was held to answer on a charge of petty larceny.

A breach of the peace case against Robert McCormick and Robby Moore was continued.

The case against Arthur Hendrick, for stealing a watch, was continued until Thursday.

WERE MARRIED IN CHICAGO.

A telegram was received last evening announcing that Mr. Frank Rieke of Paducah and Miss Margery Machen of Alabama were married yesterday at Chicago, as published in The Sun. They are expected to arrive here today or tomorrow.

TO PREPARE FOR MEETING

Y. M. C. A. Directors Will Meet the State Secretary Tonight.

Committees Will Be Appointed to Arrange For the State Meeting in February.

CONFERENCE AT LEXINGTON FRIDAY

There was no meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. last night as intended on account of the absence of several members from the city and the urgent business of others.

Tonight the convention committee, composed of Messrs. D. M. Flournoy, Chairman and Sam T. Hubbard, W. J. Hill, J. D. Moquist, and R. E. Ashbrook, will hold a meeting to arrange for the convention and to appoint sub-committees, State Secretary H. E. Rosevear and Assistant State Secretary F. J. Michel will meet with the committee and assist in the arrangements.

Reception committees, entertainment committee, banquet committee and several other committees will be appointed and active work relative to the convention begun. An advertising committee will also be appointed to confer with the editors of the local papers relative to advertising the convention as it has been advertised in large cities. Arrangements for a series of newspaper articles described the different phases of the work, will be made and the articles published for several weeks before the convention. This arrangement proved very successful in Louisville and the convention held there, was one of the most successful ever held in the state.

The following is a list of a few notables who have accepted an invitation to attend the convention: Captain R. P. Hobson, Al Wilber, Messrs. General secretary of the Chicago Association; Don O. Shelton, secretary of the national committee of New York; Dr. E. E. Alderman, president of Bethel College of Russellville; President W. E. Beiderwolf, of Green Castle, Ind.; and J. C. Welling, vice president of the I. C. railroad, of Chicago. Mr. Welling will attend on Friday night when the railway session will be held. The singing and musical features of the convention will be in charge of Mr. Harry L. Maxwell, of Green Castle, Ind., and one feature of the musical program will be the big male chorus, composed of twenty voices from the Henderson association. Delegates are expected from all portions of the state and the attendance will be as large as any convention heretofore held.

Tonight will be the first real active meeting of the committee and the greater part of the work of preliminary arrangements will be done. After the sub-committees have been appointed the work falls in their hands and they will begin work immediately.

Beginning with Friday afternoon, December 6, a conference of student Young Men's Christian Associations will be held in Lexington, Ky., and about two hundred delegates will be in attendance. There are twenty college associations in the state and all are enjoying the best of prosperity. The greater number of these associations are in the central part of the state and Paducah of course will not be represented, having no college association. It is probable that a great many members of the students associations will attend the Paducah convention.

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 3.—The state election commissioners, Sam Shackelford of Davies, Charles B. Poyntz of Mason and J. W. Wright of Newport, are in session in the office of the secretary of state, canvassing the returns of the five judicial districts in which circuit judges were elected at the November election. All the districts elected Democratic judges to fill vacancies caused by death.

See Jones' column for farm loan terms.

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